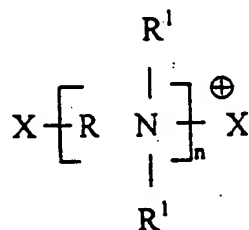


B2 3. (Am nded) A composition according to claim 1 comprising as biopenetrant a compound having a polymeric cation with a formula



wherein each R is a divalent organic group constituting, with the ammonium group, a monomeric residue, or is separately selected from two or more comonomeric residues and each R<sup>1</sup> is an alkyl or hydroxyalkyl group, X is hydrogen or a monovalent inorganic or organic end capping unit and n is from 2 to 3000.

4. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the non-surfactant biopenetrant is a methylated polyethylene polyamine comprising a polymeric cation of the formula:



where n is from 2 to 10.

B3 13. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 consisting of an aqueous solution wherein the concentration of THP is from 30 to 50 % by weight of the solution and the concentration of non-surfactant biopenetrant synergist is from 0.5 to 2% by weight of the solution.

Add new claims 18-21 as follows:

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18. (New) A method for treating aqueous systems to prevent, inhibit or remove microbial contamination, which comprises adding thereto, together or separately, the biocidally synergistic mixture comprising THP, at least one THP-compatible non-surfactant biopenetrant and, optionally, a surfactant, wherein said biopenetrant comprises a polymer or copolymer, having a plurality of quaternary ammonium groups, an alkyl benzene or alkyl naphthalene sulphonate having less than 5 aliphatic carbon atoms and/or a syntan.

19. (New) A method according to claim 18 wherein the non-surfactant biopenetrant comprises a condensate of formaldehyde, acetone and/or THP with a phenol, aryl sulphonate, sulphone, sulphonamide, urea, melamine, C<sub>1-14</sub> alkyl amine or dicyandiamide.

20. (New) A method according to claim 19 wherein said biopenetrant comprises urea and/or a urea THP condensate.

21. (New) A method according to claim 18 wherein said biopenetrant comprises urea and/or a urea THP condensate.

IN THE NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED:

Please correct the dates for reference N (4-1985) and reference P (6-1992).

SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

Annexed hereto is a substitute specification. It contains no new matter. A marked-up copy is not required since there are no amendments being made.

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